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SUBJECT: EWG MEETING OCT 7, 1975: AGENDA ITME IV- ALLIANCE  
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SUMMARY: AT EWG MEETING OCT 7, US REP (LEGERE)  
ELABORATED ON US PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED, REGIONALLY ORIENTED  
SPRING REVIEW PROCEDURES. SHAPE REP (BGEN SCHEWEITZER)  
EMPHASIZED COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN US OBJECTIVES FOR "ACTION  
ORIENTED" SPRING REVIEW AND THOSE OF SHAPE PERTAINING TO NEED  
FOR MORE ACTION AND FEWER REPORTS. EWG POSTPONED SUBSTANTIVE  
DISCUSSION OF REVISED SPING REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR APPROXIMATELY  
TWO WEEKS TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR CONSIDERATION F US PROPOSAL  
AND PERSONAL COMMENTS CIRCULATED OCT 3 BY SHAPE REP. ON INFORAL  
BASIS, UK,FRF, AND NORWEGIAN DELEGATION OFFICERS HAVE INDICATED  
SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR US PROPOSAL. ASGY HUMPHREYS SEEMS TO BE  
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MOVING TOWARD US VIEWS. WE WILL CONTINUE INFORMAL BI-  
LATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DEY ALLIED DELEGATIONS BETWEEN NOW  
AND NEXT EWG MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS REFERRED TO US PROPOSAL DURING JULY 31 EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) MEETING FOR EXPANDED, REGIONALLY ORIENTED SPRING REVIEW PROCEDURES (REFTL) AND SAID SEVERAL REPS HAD INFORMALLY ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL. HUMPHREYS SUGGESTED POSTPONING SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK.

2. US REP (LEGERE) AGREED TO POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL DISCUSSION, BUT SAID HE WISHED TO ELABORATE ON US PROPOSAL LIGHT OF: A) RECENT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER REPS, AND B) A LETTER CIRCULATED ON OCTOBER 3 WHICH CONTAINED PERSONAL VIEWS OF SHAPE REP (BGEN SCHWEITZER) ON CRITERIA FOR FUTURE SPRING REVIEWS. AFTER EMPHASIZING THAT THE US PROPOSAL FOR REGIONALLY ORIENTED SPRING REVIEW PROCEDURES NOT ONLY TOOK SCHWEITZER'S CRITERIA INTO ACCOUNT, BUT "ACTUALLY DOVE-TAILS WITH THE AND REINFORCES THEM," LEGERE ELABORATED ON US PROPOSAL IN FOLLOWING TERMS:

A. SCOPE. US PROPOSAL FOCUSES ON ACTIONS TO IMPROVE CO-OPERATIVE AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS WHICH CAN BE TAKEN IN CONTEXT OF INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE. IT DOES NOT EXCLUSIVELY OR EVEN PRIMARILY EMPHASIZE EQUIPMENT MATTERS AND DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH ONGOING WORK "AMONG FIFTEEN" IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO PROMOTE STANDARDIZATION. LEGERE NOTED THAT EWG DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION (SEPTL) INDICATED SEVERAL CANDIDATES FOR PRO-DUCTIVE SPRING REVIEW EFFORTS.

B. REGIONAL EMPHASIS. US PROPOSAL WOULD PLACE INCREASED EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE IN DEVELOPING AND ENCOURAGING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COOPERATIVE AND NATO SUPPORTING PROGRAMS. SUCH A REGIONAL APPROACH, WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT EXISTING COUNTRY BY COUNTRY MULTILATERAL REVIEWS, IS PARTICULARLY SUITED FOR PROPOSALS WHICH RELATE TO TWO OR MORE ALLIES IN PARTICULAR REGIONS.

C. TIMING. PARTLY TO BALANCE FALL AND SPRING DEFENSE PLANNING WORKLOADS AND PARTLY TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF PROPOSALS FROM REGIONAL MEETINGS THROUGH THE EXISTING FORCE GOALS CYCLE, THE US PROPOSAL WOULD SCHEDULE REGIONAL MEETINGS DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SPRING TERM.

D. ACTION ORIENTATION. MAJOR PURPOSE OF REGIONAL REVIEWS WOULD BE TO "STIMULATE ACTION", BOTH BY IDENTIFYING "DOABLE" PROPOSALS AND BY DEVELOPING POLITICAL WILL AMONG ALLIES FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

E. RELATIONSHIP WITH NAT FORCE PLANNING SYSTEM. US PROPOSAL WOULD STRENGTHEN AND ACCOMMODATE EXISTING PLANNING PROCEDURES BY FEEDING PROPOSALS WHICH EMERGE FROM SPRING REVIEW ACTIVITIES INTO EXISTING CYCLE FOR DEVELOPING FORCE GOALS. LEGERE CIRCULATED A WRITTEN ELABORATION OF HIS REMARKS TO SERVE AS PARTIAL BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING.

3. SHAPE REP EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR LEGERE'S COMMENTS EM-

PHASIZED THAT SHAPE ALSO WANTED TO REPLACE PREVIOUS EFFORRS TO DEVELOP SPING REPORTS WITH " ACTION ORIENTED " PROGRAMS, AND SAID HE PERSONALLY SAW NO "DEEP OR IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN THE US AND SHAPE POSITION ON PROCEDURES FOR FORTHCOMING SPRING REVIEWS.

4. TURKISH REP (TOPUR) REQUESTED ADDITIONAL TIME TO FURTHER CONSIDER US PROPOSAL INLIGHT OF SHAPE COMMENTS. EWG ACCEPTED HUMPHREYS RECOMMENDATION TO MEET AGAIN IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.

5. MISSION COMMENT. HUMPHREYS CALLED LEGERE PRIOR TO EWG MEETING TO SUGGEST POSTPONEMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON US PROPOSAL AND THAT "DEY " EWG REPS MEET INFORMALLY AFTER THE MEETING TO CONSIDER MATTER FURTHER. ALTHOUGH HUMPHREYS HAS NOT STARTED WORK ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SPRING REVIEW AS US REQUESTED AT JULY 31 EWG MEETING, HIS INTEREST IN US PROPOSAL HAS INCREASED NOTICEABLY IN PAST TWO WEEKS. DURING THIS TIME, WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSAL ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM UK (PETER AND LEGGE), FRG (BGEN SCHUNEMANN), NORWAY (LEINE), SHAPE (BGEN SCHWEITZER)AND INTERNATINAL MILITARY STAFF (MGENTORP). POST EWG INFORMAL DISCUSSION IN HUMPHREYS OFFICE AMONG US UK FRG NETHERLANDS AND SHAPE REPS REVEALED CLEAR CONSENSUS FOR US PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE, ALTHOUGH FRG REP RECOMMENDED THAT TREGIONAL MEETNGS BE HELD DURING FALL SEASON RATHER THAN SPRING AND SHPAE REP EXPRESSED FEAR US PROPOSAL WOULD PLACE EXCESSIVE EMPHASIS ON NATO SUPPORTING PROGRAMS TO DETRIMENT OF FORCE CAPABILITIES. AT CONCLUSION  
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OF MEETING, HUMPHREYS INDICATED THAT DISCUSSIN HAD BEEN VERY INTERESTING AND THAT WE MAY BE " ON TO SOMETHING" THAT WILL WORK. HE SUGGESTED ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING NEXT WEEK. WE WILL USE TIME BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT EWG MEETING TO CONTINUE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ALLIED DELEGATIONS. END COMMENT. STREATOR

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